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Liberty Essay Contest Will Send Student Winner to New York

Montana students are invited to submit essays or poems in a national writing competition celebrating the reopening of the Statue of Liberty. The contest has been dedicated to the memory of teacher Christa McAuliffe.

One winner and an accompanying teacher from each state will be flown to New York to participate in the July ceremony to dedicate the renovated statue. One of the students will be chosen to read his/her essay before a national television audience.

Montana teachers are asked to submit one essay or poem in which a student best addresses an appreciation of America's ideals along the contest theme, "Our Statue: Teacher of Liberty." These candidates from each class will then be entered in a statewide drawing. *The deadline for entries is May 15.*

Please address questions or entries to Marilyn Miller, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620.

Teleconference: Top Community Education Programs

On May 8 a panel of education policymakers from around the country will present a live teleconference, "Policymakers' Views on Community Education." The teleconference will feature community involvement strategies used by eight states that participated in a Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) project to demonstrate how community education has improved the public's perception of education.

The program is sponsored by CCSSO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Community Education Association and other agencies. Participants include policymakers from Alabama, Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, New York, Oregon and Utah and representatives from major education associations and boards. Forty-three states are expected to "tune in."

The teleconference will feature an audio link over telephone lines so that viewers may ask panel members questions and take part in the discussion. It will run from noon to 2:00 Montana time. School districts with satellite downlinks may receive the teleconference on Satellite Westar IV, Transponder 10 Direct, Audio Subcarrier 6.8.

Top Teacher Sought for 1987

Nominations are now being sought for the Montana Teacher of the Year 1987. Nominees may be dedicated teachers (K-12) in any accredited Montana school.

Any individual or group may nominate a teacher. Selections should be made without regard to age, sex, race, religion, national origin or disability. While a superior ability to help students learn should be the primary consideration in making a nomination, participation in professional and community activities and respect of students, colleagues and parents also are important qualifications.

Nomination guidelines were mailed to schools in April. If you have a potential Teacher of the Year, forward your nomination by September 30 to Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620.

Law Education Class for Teachers

The fourth annual Montana Law-Related Education class will be held in Helena, July 14-18. The five-day course gives teachers practical methods for teaching law to elementary and secondary students and has proved valuable to teachers in social studies, government, history, business, English and other curricular areas.

Guest instructors include members of the Montana Supreme Court, judicial and law enforcement personnel and Montana Teacher of the Year, Hal Stearns. Two inservice credits are available. Tuition and materials are free. The class is limited to 40 participants, who will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

The seminar is sponsored by OPI, Montana Supreme Court and the State Bar of Montana. For information, contact Legal Services at OPI (444-4402).

Fulbright Teachers Sought for Foreign Exchange

The 1987-88 Fulbright Teachers Exchange Program, sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, is seeking applications from elementary and secondary teachers and college faculty. The program involves a one-on-one exchange with educators from Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Belgium/Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Colombia and Argentina. The number of positions and eligibility requirements vary by country.

The program also offers opportunities for teachers to participate in three- to eight-week seminars in Italy and the Netherlands in the summer of 1987.

Applications will be available this summer. Write: Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, E/ASX, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20547.

Courses Offer Administrators Insight into Contemporary Issues

Of interest to administrators are several University of Montana courses in a four-week summer session covering controversial education issues: Legal Rights of Students and Teachers; Religion/Prayer/Meditation; Values Clarification in the Public Schools; Teaching About Nuclear War and Disarmament; The School Book Protest Movement; Creation and Evolution in the Classroom; The Constitution and the Schools; and World Terrorism.

Schedules and information are available from UM Summer Session, 125 Main Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 (243-2900).

Math Inservice Project Funded

The Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics has been awarded a grant of $400,000 from the National Science Foundation to fund the Integrating Mathematics Programs and Computer Technology (IMPACT) project.

The project is designed to train selected teachers grades 7-12 in integrating the computer into the regular math curriculum, thereby improving the level of instruction and allowing the introduction of new topics and methods. These teachers will then become regional leaders who can offer math inservice workshops in their own or neighboring districts.

The IMPACT project is a cooperative effort of MCTM, OPI and the Montana University System.

Workshop Heightens Awareness of Sex Abuse

The Institute for Habilitative Services at Eastern Montana College in Billings is sponsoring its second annual "Conference on Sex Abuse of Children, Adolescents and Adults," to be held on the EMC campus June 10-12.

The conference uses an interagency approach to educating people on the topic of sexual abuse. People from all professions are involved. Three of the seven topics to be covered are: the impact of sexual victimization on children and youth; the abused child in the classroom, family and community—strategies for recovery; and interviewing, intervention and treatment. Three credits are available to those who register for them.

Please preregister by May 16, although on-site registration will be accepted. Contact Ronald Sexton, Institute for Habilitative Services, Eastern Montana College, 1500 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101 (657-2359).

Women in Leadership Conference

The annual Montana Women in Educational Leadership conference—"Leadership, Levity and Personal Power (II)"—will convene June 8-10 at the Cross Cut Ranch near Bozeman. The conference is sponsored by the OPI Educational Equity Project. Call Pat Christie for information (444-5664).

Dates to Remember

May 4-10 PTA Teacher Appreciation Week

May 14-17 Special Olympics, Helena

May 19-20 Board of Public Education
Helena (444-6576)

June 23-25 Administators Workshop: Topics and Issues in Education, Bozeman (OPI 444-3169)

Missing Children Information

The following is the State Department of Justice's most current list of missing Montana children and teenagers (17 years and under). For details on the Missing Children Program, call Bill Erwin, Department of Justice, Helena (444-3625).

NAME	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	HAIR	EYE	CITY
Marshall, Nyleen K.	W	F	3'2"	29	091878	7	BRO	BLU	Jefferson Co. SO
Strutzel, Michael J.	W	M	3'0"	30	120481	4	BLN	BLU	Butte/Silver Bow
Veale, Ryan Lynn	W	M	4'8"	95	061471	14	BRO	BLU	Helena PD

PD = Police Department
SO = Sheriff's Office

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1-800-332-3402

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National Teacher Examination Core Battery

★★ SPECIAL TEST DATE ★★

Who Should Take The Test?

1. All applicants for initial certification.
2. Individuals reinstating lapsed certificates.
3. Individuals changing to certain classes of certification.

Why?

Effective July 1, 1986, the National Teacher Exam Core Battery will be required for teacher certification.

When?

August 9, 1986

Where?

Eastern Montana College, Billings—Russell Forman (657-2283)
Montana State University, Bozeman—Al Suvak (994-4311)
Western Montana College, Dillon—Eloise Snavely (683-7153)
Dawson Community College, Glendive—Paul Fasting (365-5525)
College of Great Falls, Great Falls—Jim Sikora (761-8210 ext. 210)
Northern Montana College, Havre—Gerald Bekker (265-3221 ext. 3115)
University of Montana, Missoula—Berta Piane (243-4711)

How?

Examinees should contact the supervisor at the test center they plan to attend and state the name of each test (Communication Skills, General Knowledge, Professional Knowledge) they plan to take. **The deadline for registration is three weeks before the test date.**

One Core Battery test $28.00
Two Core Battery tests 38.00
Three Core Battery tests 48.00